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SUBJ: NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

1. MAHER ABAZA, U/S MIN ELECTRICITY, INFORMED EMBOFF
FEBRUARY 15 THAT HE HAD JUST HEARD "GOOD NEWS" OF PASSAGE
NONPROLIFERATION LEGISLATION BY HOUSE AND SENATE AND
OF ITS TRANSMISSION TO WHITE HOUSE. HE ASSUMED PRESIDENT
CARTER WILL APPROVE LEGISLATION. IN THIS REGARD, ABAZA
ASKED WHEN GOE COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE FOR CONSIDERATION
NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT
INITIALLED IN AUGUST 1976. ABAZA NOTED THAT MINISTER
SULTAN HAD TOLD UNDERSECRETARY BENSON IN SEPTEMBER 1977
THAT EGYPT IS READY TO SIGN "WHATEVER AMENDMENTS ARE
NECESSARY" TO ASSURE CONFORMITY WITH NEW LAW.

2. SINCE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS EVIDENTLY IS FOREGONE
CONCLUSION IN HIS MIND, ABAZA THEN ASKED EMBOFF WHEN
GOE COULD EXPECT EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO
CONGRESS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT PASSAGE OF NEW LAW IS SO
RECENT (PRESIDENT HAS NOT EVEN YET SIGNED LEGISLATION),
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THAT NONE OF SUBJECTS HE (ABAZA) RAISED HAVE YET BEEN
ADDRESSED. U. S. VERY MUCH AWARE OF EGYPT'S POSITION
BUT COMPLETE REVIEW WILL NOW HAVE TO TAKE PLACE.

3. ABAZA REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF MOVING QUICKLY ON
AMENDMENTS AND CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. HE ASKED EMBOFF
TO REPORT HIS APPROACH TO UNDERSECRETARY BENSON AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: IF NOT ACTUALLY SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPUTY PRIMIN SULTAN, ABAZA CERTAINLY PRESENTED GOE THINKING ON SUBJECT. NOW THAT NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PASSED, EGYPTIANS WILL EXPECT (PROBABLY SPEEDY) MOVEMENT ON THE AGEEMENT.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON RESPONSE TO ABAZA'S APPROACH. ELTS

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